

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

April 9, 2008

Morey Lounge, Vermont Technical College, Randolph

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Howe, Heather McCollum, Bruce Richardson, Dolly Corkins, Sheryl Aliquo, Russell Agne, Susan Jensen, Stephanie Taylor, Kathy Finck, Cassandra Major.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Stahley, Janet Steward, Judith Jones.

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Cambra, Bob Gross, Deb Giles, Mary Beth McNulty, Marilyn Richardson, Rebecca Otis, Anne Bordonaro.

VISITORS/OTHERS PRESENT: Tom James, Chair, State Board of Education.

CALL TO ORDER: B. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

B. Howe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting.

B. Richardson **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting.**
S. Taylor seconded. **Motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

B. Howe spoke to the Board about the letter members received from R. Walsh. He would like to speak to the Board at their May 13, 2008 meeting. Members discussed the bill that is being proposed in the legislature. This bill proposes to require each applicant seeking to obtain or renew a license to teach in a public elementary or secondary school in Vermont to have completed at an accredited college or university at least one three-credit course in African American history, covering the period from the European colonization of North America through the end of the twentieth century.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

There were no updates.

STAFF REPORT – Educator Quality Team

There were no additional comments on the Staff Report.

Presentation on Transformation in Education

Tom James, Chair, State Board of Education

T. James spoke to the Board about the proposed bill S.371 that was introduced by the Education Committee. This bill proposes to: Transform the department of education into an agency that is under the direction of a secretary and is pursuing a mission established by the general assembly to: 1. Eliminate the position of commissioner of education and create the position of secretary of education to perform the commissioner's duties. The secretary would be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate and would sit on the governor's cabinet. The secretary would be authorized to appoint deputy secretaries.

2. Dissolve the state board of education and transfer the essential duties of the current state board of education to the agency of education; 3. Direct the legislative council to prepare a draft bill for presentation to the general assembly on or before January 1, 2009 that would include all statutory amendments necessary to implement the intent of this bill. The Board discussed the bill and its possible ramifications.

T. James then spoke to the Board about the State Board of Education's (SBE) work on the Transformation of Education. The Board viewed a PowerPoint presentation as well as a YouTube video entitled "Did You Know?" The Board discussed the transformation and the SBE's work so far.

Final Version of Regulations

Anne Bordonaro

A. Bordonaro distributed the new Licensing Regulations which went into effect April 1, 2008. Also distributed was a summary of the changes made to the regulations. The Board reviewed the changes as detailed by A. Bordonaro.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. They reconvened at 12:20 p.m. and immediately went into committee work. They reconvened at 1:33 p.m.

Vermont's Relicensure Process

B. Howe spoke to the Board about their previous discussions regarding the Relicensure Process. This document needs to be sent out to the field for review and feedback. B. Howe will formulate a cover letter to be sent with the document.

K. Finck moved that the VSBPE disseminate the Relicensure Process document to the field for comment. C. Major seconded. Motion passed.

This document will be an agenda item during the summer LSB conferences. Feedback should be received by August 1, 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator & Teacher Relicensing Committee – D. Corkins reporting

D. Corkins informed the Board of the committee's discussion on the Code of Ethics, Local and Regional Standards Boards summer conferences, and review of the action plan.

B. Howe stated that the action plan will continue to be reviewed at subsequent meetings. The document will be finalized by August 2008.

Higher Education Committee – H. McCollum reporting

H. McCollum informed the Board of the committee's discussion on the Policy on Approval of Post-Baccalaureate and Non-Degree Graduate Level Educator Preparation Programs. She also described a request received from The University of Vermont.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE approve the University of Vermont's request to accept the national accreditation by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) for the Speech Language Pathology (SLP) Program as a substitute for the ROPA review in 2009. This approval is contingent upon continued accreditation through ASHA

and submission of the report to the Department of Education. S. Aliquo seconded. Motion passed. R. Agne abstained.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:22 p.m.

Rebecca Otis, Administrative Assistant

Brian Howe, Chair